

AMENDMENT

U.S. Appln. No. 09/786,319

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges Applicants' election of the invention of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-25 (without traverse).

In paragraph 4, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

However, in paragraph 5, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 24-25 have been allowed.

Accordingly Applicants hereby cancel Claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer to pursue the same in a Continuation Application. Thus, the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issuance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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